Claim Amendments

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 11. Applicant sets forth below a complete listing of the claims with the corresponding status indicated for each claim.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~automatically calibrating~~ operating a scanner, the method comprising:

affixing a calibration target to a scanning surface of said scanner;

receiving a user-supplied calibration selection; and

based on the user-supplied calibration selection, selectively calibrating or not calibrating said scanner with said calibration target during a normal scan of an object.

2. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 1, wherein said scanner comprises a platen, and wherein said calibration target comprises a width of approximately or equal to a length of or a width of said platen.

3. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 1, wherein said calibration target comprises a Kodak® Gray Strip, an IT8™ target, or an equivalent manufactured calibration target.

4. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the calibration target comprises a photograph on photographic paper.

5. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the calibration target strip comprises a dye sublimation print on photographic paper or paper equivalent to photographic.

6. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the calibration target comprises a plastic material, said plastic material having an adhering surface and a covering over said adhering surface such that the adhering surface allows the plastic material to adhere to a part of the scanner when the covering is removed from the adhering surface.

01 (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the calibration target comprises a dye sublimation print onto a plastic material, said plastic material having an adhering surface and a covering over said adhering surface such that said adhering surface allows said dye sublimated plastic material to adhere to a part of said scanner when said covering is removed from said adhering surface.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 1, further comprising providing a calibration target having a protective coating.

9. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the calibration target comprises decal paper.

10. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the scanner further comprises a plastic non-reflective sleeve located proximate to a scanning surface for fixedly holding said calibration target in said sleeve.

11. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for ~~automatically calibrating~~ use with a scanner, the apparatus comprising:

a calibration target;

means for attaching said calibration target proximate to a scanning surface of said scanner;

means for receiving a user-supplied calibration selection; and

means for selectively calibrating or not calibrating said scanner with said calibration target during a normal scan of an object based on the user-supplied calibration selection.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the scanner further comprises;

a platen; and

wherein said calibration target comprises a width approximately equal to a length of or a width of said platen.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the calibration target comprises a Kodak® Gray Strip, an IT8™ target, or an equivalent manufactured calibration target.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein calibration target comprises a photograph on photographic paper.

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the calibration target comprises a dye sublimation print on photographic paper or paper equivalent to photographic paper.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the calibration target strip comprises a plastic material, said plastic material having an adhering surface and a covering over said adhering surface such that said adhering surface allows said plastic material adhere to said scanner when said covering is removed from said adhering surface.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the calibration target comprises a dye sublimation print onto a plastic material, said plastic material having an adhering surface and a covering over said adhering surface such that said adhering surface allows said dye sublimated plastic material to adhere to a part of said scanner when said covering is removed from said adhering surface.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said calibration target has a protective coating.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said calibration target comprises decal paper.

20. (Canceled).